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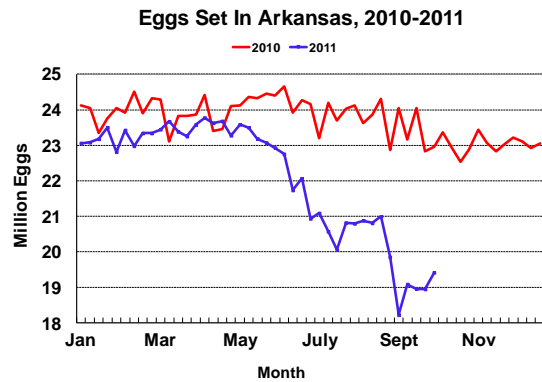
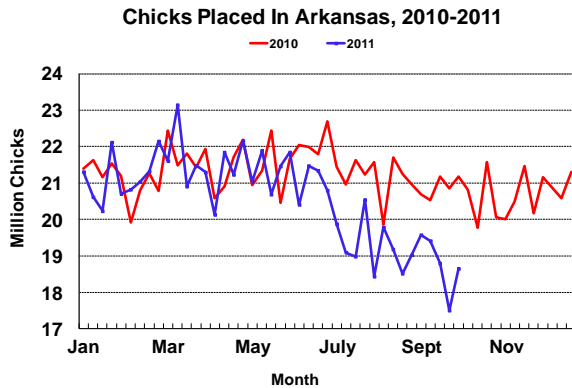


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### Arkansas Chick Placements Down 12 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 18.6 million during the week ending October 8, 2011. Placements were down 12 percent from the comparable week in 2010 and up 7 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 19.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending October 8, 2011, down 15 percent from the same period last year and up 3 percent from the previous week.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, September 10 - October 8, 2011

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	1-Oct	8-Oct	10-Sep	17-Sep	24-Sep	1-Oct	8-Oct
	1,000 eggs					1,000 chicks				
Alabama	26,415	25,289	27,117	25,433	26,097	19,616	20,087	18,304	19,468	17,731
<b>Arkansas</b>	<b>18,223</b>	<b>19,087</b>	<b>18,961</b>	<b>18,949</b>	<b>19,417</b>	<b>19,575</b>	<b>19,412</b>	<b>18,793</b>	<b>17,501</b>	<b>18,649</b>
Delaware	2,908	2,852	2,895	3,045	3,041	4,328	5,154	5,074	3,913	3,882
Florida	1,352	1,074	1,351	1,354	1,349	1,251	1,140	1,156	1,156	931
Georgia	31,151	29,383	31,268	30,766	30,624	25,851	26,026	27,801	26,676	25,442
Kentucky	7,416	6,161	7,729	6,893	7,342	6,198	6,747	5,910	6,192	4,970
Louisiana	3,258	3,183	3,242	3,258	3,212	2,928	2,851	2,676	2,909	2,830
Maryland	6,863	6,852	6,820	7,517	6,839	6,319	5,397	4,784	6,199	5,560
Mississippi	17,569	17,813	16,824	16,270	16,329	15,962	15,314	14,533	15,196	15,333
N. Carolina	17,302	18,211	18,670	18,270	18,345	14,969	15,445	15,218	13,845	14,607
Oklahoma	6,228	6,465	6,751	5,962	6,813	4,317	4,842	3,712	3,527	4,089
Pennsylvania	3,718	3,438	3,558	3,337	3,698	2,897	3,045	3,208	3,079	2,823
S. Carolina	4,892	5,522	5,263	4,956	4,866	4,629	4,932	3,699	3,702	3,460
Texas	13,792	12,590	14,232	13,269	13,423	11,528	11,506	11,770	11,380	10,318
Virginia	5,859	5,363	5,663	5,461	5,773	4,543	4,439	5,067	4,229	4,436
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,718	16,927	17,818	18,080	18,767	16,043	15,667	16,638	15,750	14,638
19 State Total	185,664	180,210	188,162	182,820	185,935	160,954	162,004	158,343	154,722	149,699
Prev. Year Total	204,833	196,963	205,808	197,354	200,470	170,626	169,940	167,630	169,617	162,438
% of Prev. Year	91	91	91	93	93	94	95	94	91	92

Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

### Broiler-Type Eggs Set Down 7 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 8, 2011. This was down 7 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 85 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

### Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Down 8 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 8, 2011. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through October 8, 2011 were 6.70 billion, down 2 percent from the same period a year earlier.